



Washington state
Hispanic Legislative Day

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Hispanic Legislative Day 2006
"Empowering Communities" / "Fortaleciendo Comunidades"

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Olympia, Washington – A group of Hispanic leaders and community advocates came together in late 2005 to organize our first annual Hispanic Legislative Day to be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2006. The 2006 Hispanic Legislative Day, dubbed "Empowering Communities"/ "Fortaleciendo Comunidades", will address the challenges that affect the Hispanic Community.

The issues we are focusing our advocacy efforts are on:

1. Health Care
2. Education
3. Economic Development
4. Housing
5. Farm worker Issues
6. Immigration Issues

The Hispanic Legislative Committee including leaders, advocates and community based organizations from all over the state of Washington will be meeting with State Senators and Legislators to present our positions on legislative issues that are affecting the Spanish Speaking population in this State.

The 2006 Legislative Day will provide our community with a venue for direct communication with the state government.

The Hispanic community is now the largest minority group in the nation at 21.5% of the US population and 8.5% of the state population, which is expected to double within the next 20 years.

For further detail regarding these topics please visit our website at:
www.hispaniclegislateday.org